

and its predecessor, the Interstate Commerce Commission, since 1995. Many times before, I have publicly praised the outstanding job she has done in steering the Board and the transportation sector through some very rough seas. Her intellect, knowledge, competence and experience continue to be indispensable to the resolution of the many issues that confront this key segment of the economy. And she has exhibited the kind of integrity, fairness, spirit, and work ethic that are essential to the proper exercise of the Board's important adjudicative functions.

With this reappointment, the Senate has the opportunity to approve a first-rate leader and public servant—one of the best and brightest. I know that I will have the cooperation of all of my colleagues on the Commerce Committee and in the full Senate in expeditiously moving this outstanding nomination through to confirmation.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting two treaties and sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT—AUGUST 11, 1999

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 1999, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 11, 1999, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 211. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 920 West Riverdale Avenue in Spokane, Washington as the "Thomas S. Foley United States Courthouse", and the plaza at the south entrance of such building and courthouse as the "Walter F. Horan Plaza".

H.R. 1219. An act to amend the Miller Act, relating to payment protections for persons providing labor and materials for Federal construction projects.

H.R. 1568. An act to provide technical, financial, and procurement assistance to veteran owned small business, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1664. An act providing authority for guarantees of loans to qualified steel and iron ore companies and to qualified oil and gas companies, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1905. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year

ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2565. An act to clarify the quorum requirement for the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

S. 606. An act for the relief of Global Exploration and Development Corporation, Kerr-McGee Corporation, and Kerr-McGee Chemical, LLC (successor to Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation), and for other purposes.

S. 1543. An act to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 to release and protect the release of tobacco production and marketing information.

S. 1546. An act to amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to provide additional administrative authorities to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and to make technical corrections to that Act, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 1999, the enrolled bills were signed, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT—AUGUST 12, 1999

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 1999, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 12, 1999, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 507. An act to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the United States Army Corps of Engineers to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 1999, the enrolled bill was signed, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:13 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2670. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2724. An act to make technical corrections of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999.

The messages also announced that the House insists upon its amendments to the bill (S. 1467) to extend the funding levels for aviation programs for 60 days, and asks a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers of

the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of the Senate bill and the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. PETRI, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. EWING, Mr. HORN, Mr. QUINN, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. BASS, Mr. PEASE, Mr. SWEENEY, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. COSTELLO, Ms. DANNER, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, and Mr. BOSWELL.

From the Committee on the Budget, for consideration of titles IX and X of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. SHAYS, and Mr. SPRATT.

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of title XI of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. NUSSLE, Mr. HULSHOF, and Mr. RANGEL.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2724. An act to make technical corrections to the Water Resources Development Act of 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on August 11, 1999, he had presented to the President of the United States, the following enrolled bills:

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EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated: